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SUBJ: SENEGALESE ANGOLA POLICY UNCHANGED; GOS EXPECTS
EEC RECOGNITION OF MPLA FEB. 16

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1. SUMMARY: SENEGALESE FONMIN SECK SAYS SENEGAL HAS NOT
CHANGED ITS POSITION ON ANGOLA. HE BELIEVES ANY CHANGE
BY GAMBIA WILL REFLECT UK PRESSURE IN PART. SECK EXPECTS
EEC BLOC RECOGNITION OF MPLA FEB. 16. END SUMMARY.

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2. IN AIRPORT MEETING BEFORE DEPARTING FOR NEW YORK AND

PORT-AU-PRINCE FEB. 16 (DAKAR 0893), GOS MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASSANE SECK SAID HE WAS NOT SURPRISED BY CONTINUING SHIFT OF AFRICAN STATES TO RECOGNITION OF MPLA REGIME IN ANGOLA. HOWEVER, SENEGAL HAS NOT CHANGED ITS POSITION. SHOULD THE GAMBIA SWITCH TO MPLA, AS REFTEL SUGGESTED, THIS CHANGE--IN SECK'S MIND--WOULD BE IN PART RESULT OF UK PRESSURE. SECK FELT UK WAS PRESSING WITHIN EEC FOR BLOC RECOGNITION WHICH HE THOUGHT WOULD COME FEB. 16. HE SAID BRITISH HAD PRESSURED GOS BUT SENEGALESE DID NOT ACCEPT THEIR ARGUMENTS.

3. SECK SAID GOS GREATLY DISAPPOINTED BY AFRICAN PERFORMANCE ON MPLA RECOGNITION ISSUE. SENEGAL TOOK ITS POSITION AFTER CAREFUL REFLECTION--AND, AS ON OTHER ISSUES, IT WOULD CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR WHAT IT BELIEVED IN. HE ASKED WHAT WAS US POSITION, AND I DREW ON SECRETARY'S STATEMENT IN FEB. 12 PRESS CONFERENCE IN MY REPLY.

4. COMMENT: SECK WILL REPORT TO SENGHOR IN PORT-AU-PRINCE AND DETERMINE WHAT POSITION TO TAKE AT OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING IN ADDIS ON FEB. 23. HE GAVE NO INDICATION OF CHANGE IN GOS POLICY, BUT SOME NEW INITIATIVE CANNOT BE RULED OUT. END COMMENT.

5. SECK SAID FOREIGN MINISTRY SYG COULD GET MESSAGES TO HIM IN PORT-AU-PRINCE IF NECESSARY.
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